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Plaintiff	*	CIRCUIT COURT
v.	*	FOR
	*	_____
Defendant	*	Civil No.:
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SCHEDULING ORDER

PURSUANT TO Maryland Rule 2-504, after a Scheduling Conference, it is this _____ day of _____, _____, by the Circuit Court for _____ ordered as follows.

Agreements / Issues Resolved:

- ☐ 1. **Agreement Reached - Order Attached.** The parties reached an agreement on the following issues: _____, and that agreement was placed on the record by the Court. The following Order(s) incorporating that agreement are attached:

Name of Document

Date of Order

Any remaining issues will be handled in accordance with this Scheduling Order.

- ☐ 2. **Agreement Reached - Counsel/Parties to Prepare Consent Order.** The parties reached agreement on the following issues: _____, and that agreement was placed on the record by the Court. _____ (Name of Person to Prepare Order) will submit a Consent Order to the Court within _____ days.

Discovery/Motion Deadlines:

- ☐ 3. ORDERED that Plaintiff's expert reports and Md. Rule 2-402(e)(1) disclosures shall be served on the defendant and a notice filed pursuant to Md. Rule 2-401(d)(2) no later than _____ (date).

- ☐ 4. ORDERED that Defendant's expert reports and Md. Rule 2-402(e)(1) disclosures shall be served on the plaintiff and a notice filed pursuant to Rule 2-401(d)(2) no later than _____ (date).
- ☐ 5. ORDERED that a party who intends to use computer-generated evidence shall file the notice required by Rule 2-504.3(b) no later than _____.
- ☐ 6. ORDERED that all discovery shall be concluded by the _____ day of _____, except depositions and supplementation of responses as required by Rule 2-401(3).
- ☐ 7. ORDERED that all motions, the basis of which are known, shall be filed no later than 18 days before the Pretrial Conference specified below.

Co-Parenting Educational Seminar:

- ☐ 8. ORDERED that the parties shall attend a co-parenting educational seminar (see attached order).

Alternative Dispute Resolution:

- ☐ 9. ORDERED that the parties shall participate in mediation on the issues of custody and visitation (see attached order).
- ☐ 10. ORDERED that the parties shall participate in alternative dispute resolution to resolve the following issues: _____ (see attached order).

Other Services and Evaluations:

- ☐ 11. ORDERED that an attorney is appointed to represent the minor child(ren), _____ (see attached order):
- ☐ a. To waive or assert privilege concerning the release of psychiatric/psychological information pursuant to Nagle v. Hooks, 296 Md. 123 (1983).
 - ☐ b. As guardian ad litem to represent the best interests of the child(ren).
 - ☐ c. As attorney advocate for the child(ren).

- ☐ 12. ORDERED that a custody/visitation investigation shall be conducted by the following person or agency: _____ (see attached order):
- ☐ a. To assist the court in determining whether an emergency exists warranting immediate or pendente lite relief; or
- ☐ b. To make a recommendation on the issues of custody and visitation with the minor child(ren).
- ☐ 13. ORDERED that a mental health evaluation of _____ shall be performed by a court-designated psychiatrist/psychologist (see attached order).
- ☐ 14. ORDERED that the following person(s): _____ shall submit to a substance abuse assessment (see attached order).
- ☐ 15. ORDERED that the following person(s): _____ shall submit to a blood test for the purpose of establishing the paternity of minor child(ren): _____ (see attached order).

Pendente Lite Hearing:

- ☐ 16. ORDERED that the following issues shall be heard *pendente lite* before this Court on the _____ day of _____, _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.:
- ☐ a. child support
- ☐ b. alimony
- ☐ c. health insurance for a spouse or minor child
- ☐ d. custody
- ☐ e. visitation
- ☐ f. use and possession of family home
- ☐ g. use and possession of family use personal property
- ☐ h. initial counsel fees
- ☐ i. other: _____ .
- ☐ Unless otherwise order by the court for good cause shown, the pendente lite hearing shall be limited in time to _____ hours.

Pretrial Conference:

- ☐ 17. ORDERED that there shall be a Pretrial Conference pursuant to Rule 2-504.2 before this Court on the _____ day of _____, _____ at _____ a.m./p.m. Prior to the Pretrial Conference the following shall be done:
- ☐ a. Rule 9-206 Joint Statement of Property shall be completed.
 - ☐ b. Each party shall complete a current Financial Statement that complies with Md. Rule 9-203(f).
 - ☐ c. Parties shall exchange income information and documents verifying income.
 - ☐ d. Parties shall prepare a Child Support Guidelines Worksheet.
 - ☐ e. Parties shall prepare a listing of the documents and records to be offered in evidence by each party at the trial, other than those expected to be used solely for impeachment, indicating which documents the parties agree may be offered in evidence without the usual authentication.
 - ☐ f. Parties shall prepare a listing of the names and specialties of experts the party proposes to call as witnesses.
 - ☐ g. Other: _____
_____.

Parties should be prepared to discuss ALL aspects of the case in anticipation of settlement. Failure to prepare the case for Pretrial Conference or failure to comply with the above deadlines may result in an order limiting evidence or testimony in the case, imposing counsel fees, and ordering any other appropriate sanction.

Trial Date:

- ☐ 18. ORDERED that a trial date on the merits in the case:
- ☐ a. Will be scheduled, if necessary, after a Pretrial Conference on all contested issues.
 - ☐ b. Is scheduled before this Court on the _____ day of _____, _____ at _____ a.m./p.m.

Other Orders:

☐ 19. ORDERED that: _____

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JUDGE

Recommended by:

_____ (Date)